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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Scientific and Technical Intelligence on Aircraft and Weapons

1. Reference memorandum from Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates, subject above, dated 30 August 1948.

2. Much of the intelligence requested in subject memorandum dealing with ground force weapons is already available in published form. The Intelligence Division will make this intelligence available to the Research and Development Board, and it has in fact been available at all times upon request. The following suggestions of procedure are made for the purpose of providing the answers required in the most responsive manner, and at the same time avoiding unnecessary duplication of work on the part of the scientific and technical staff of the Intelligence Division.

3. It is believed that if the Research and Development Board personnel will deal directly with the Department of the Army on Ground Force weapons, there will be a saving in time and an improvement in mutual understanding on scope and intent of the questions and answers, over what would exist when questions and answers are rehandled, interpreted and relayed by a third party. Such a procedure of direct contact has already been followed in connection with Soviet fire-control equipment; a technical intelligence officer from ID made an oral presentation of the subject to an RDB panel, and exhibited the published intelligence available.

4. It is suggested that the requirement list on Ground Force weapons be returned to RDB with the statement that the Intelligence Division will make available to them on request all its present intelligence which is either in published form or can be given orally by its researchers, and will continue to fill gaps in intelligence by special collection requests whenever indicated.

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